

TOWN OF WILTON SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date: January 9, 2012
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Place: Town Office
Present: Chairman Daniel E. Donovan III, Selectmen Steven McDonough and William F. Condra, and Recording Secretary Pamela Atwood

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

Steve Elliott attended the meeting. The Board wanted to talk to Steve about the drainage issue and the box culvert running through the Town. Chairman Donovan explained that the Board had requested Bob Duquette try to borrow a camera from the Town of Milford. Bob found that this was not possible so he submitted quote from two companies. Steve showed the Board pictures he had taken looking down into a section of the culvert. After further discussion the Board asked Steve to get a price for engineering fees to lay it out, as Steve had requested before.

Next, Steve Elliott told the Board about some old pieces of equipment at the Recycling Center that he would like to dispose of and sell for parts. The Board agreed.

Walter Zuber attended the meeting to discuss the current tax situation at Pine Hill School. Steve McDonough disclosed that his wife is a Board member at Pine Hill and his children attend so if this matter comes to a vote he would probably abstain. Walter explained that there was a piece of land that had been subdivided for use by the Center for Anthroposophy, but that didn't happen, and so, the lot got taxed separately. Walter told the Board that this lot will be merged back into the original lot making it tax exempt and he asked that the tax bill be forgiven. Walter has spoken to the Assessor about the situation.

Motion: A motion was made by Chairman Donovan, seconded by Selectman Condra to abate the tax bill. Selectmen Condra and Donovan voted in favor, Selectman McDonough abstained. The motion passed by a majority vote.

John Shepardson attended the meeting to discuss the Theresa Allen issue. A motion was made and seconded to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3(c). A unanimous vote followed.

The meeting was called to order at 7:27 P.M.

Water Commissioners Jim Tuttle and John Jowders attended the meeting to discuss the internal handling of a bill from BMSI for the property and utility billing software. After discussion, it was agreed that next year the bill can go directly to the Water & Sewer Departments for immediate payment if that is what they choose.

The drainage issued was discussed again; at the end Selectman McDonough suggested that a meeting could be set up with Steve Elliott, the Water Department and the Engineer to further discuss the issue.

Next, Jim discussed the Old Reservoir. Chairman Donovan agreed that if Jim would put some numbers together then they could consider a warrant article.

Jim updated the Board on other Water and Sewer Department issues: The Quarterly billing status; a planned increase in hydrant rental fees by \$20; and the addition of one more hydrant. Selectman McDonough noted that he did not like the idea of an increase on hydrant rentals. Also the Commissioners want to begin collecting sewer money first on late accounts before collecting water money due. Chairman Donovan noted that this does not affect the Board.

Next on the agenda was Dennis Maki, formerly of the Highway Department. Dennis expressed his concern with the fact that the Town

employees do not have a retirement plan. He thinks there should be a plan in place especially for the Highway Department as these employees are on call 24/7. Chairman Donovan and Selectman Condra agreed that it should be addressed, noting that there are only 13 employees who are not part of the retirement system. Chairman Donovan suggested that Mr. Maki talk to the Budget Committee about it; Dennis said he might bring it up at Town Meeting.

Chairman Donovan called for a non-public session at 8:02 P.M. per RSA 91-A: 3(a) to discuss benefits with Dennis Maki.

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:20 PM.

The Board approved the minutes.

Payroll was approved.

The memo from the Town of Lyndeborough will be given to Steve Elliott.

A PSNH pole license was signed.

Three abatement requests were approved.

The informational material was reviewed.

The letter from Attorney Little about the Quinn pit was reviewed and the Board agreed the tax bill was improper.

Selectman McDonough commented on the minutes from the JLC committee regarding the sidewalk out front. He thanked the committee but stated he did not agree with them.

Selectman McDonough discussed the NRPC contract. Selectman Condra noted that there is a bill in committee at the Legislature to repeal Regional Planning Committees. Dan noted that they serve an important function at the State level also.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 P.M. followed by a vote with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;
Pamela Atwood, Recording Secretary